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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

NORMALLY THIS SORT OF THING ISN'T MY STYLE--

BUT FOR YOU, I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION.

IT'S APPRECIATED, SON. THE STRAIGHT RAZOR IS WHAT I COME UP ON. NEVER DID GET A DECENT SHAVE OUT OF THEM PLASTIC DOOHICKEYS.

GOTTA LOOK GOOD FOR MY GRAND-BABY GRADUATING THE NAVAL ACADEMY, YOU KNOW.

SURE, POPS, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO BE STILL LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO SHAVE YOU.

I'M A LITTLE OUT OF PRACTICE WITH ONE OF THESE.

BEHOLD, THE SECRETS OF THE VETERAN SUPERHERO.

YEAH, I THOUGHT CECIL WANTED US TO TAG ALONG WITH YOU TO PICK UP SOME POINTERS ON BUSTING UP SUPER-VILLAINS--

NOT SWEEPING UP HAIR CLIPPINGS.

DON'T LET THE FINER POINTS OF THIS LESSON ESCAPE YOU, KID THOR.

I MADE SOME GOOD MONEY IN MY LIFE. I FIGURE I OWE IT TO MY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD TO HELP OUT IN SOME WAY.

SO, WHEN I GET SOME TIME OFF FROM SAVING THE UNIVERSE, I COME IN HERE AND CUT HAIR FOR FREE.

NOT NEARLY ENOUGH. MOST DAYS IT'S JUST ME AND ARVELL, AND NEITHER ONE OF Y'ALL CAN DO LADIES' HAIR.

OKAY, POPS, YOU'RE ALL SET. PASS MY CONGRATULATIONS ON TO YOUR GRANDDAUGHTER.

I WILL AT THAT. THANK YOU AGAIN, YOUNG MAN.

WHEN PEOPLE ARE DOWN AND OUT, THEY HAVE TO LET THINGS LIKE LOOKING PRESENTABLE SLIDE.

IT ISN'T MUCH, BUT MY SHOP HELPS THEM LOOK GOOD FOR JOB INTERVIEWS, COURT APPEARANCES, PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS, WHATEVER.

HELL, IT COULD BE THIS WORK HERE DOES MORE GOOD THAN ALL THE ASS-WHIPPINGS I'VE DISHED OUT OVER MY WHOLE CAREER.

SURE, BUT SOME OF THESE PEOPLE LOOK LIKE THEY COULD AFFORD A HAIR CUT ON THEIR OWN, DON'T THEY?

SO I SHOULD STOP GIVING THEM TO THE ONES WHO ***CAN'T?*** YOU EXPECT ME TO ***MEANS TEST*** A FADE?

TAKE A LOOK AT THAT LINE, KNOCKOUT. FOLKS DON'T WAIT IN LINES LIKE THAT FOR SOMETHING UNLESS IT'S IMPORTANT, FREE OR NOT.

WHAT WE DO HERE-- ***THIS PLACE***-- IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

BESIDES, I LIKE IT. IT'S RELAXING.

NEXT!

WHOA.

IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS?

KRASH!

CHECKY CASH

THE FREAKING ELEPHANT HIMSELF.

OUTTA MY WAY!

AND WITH THE WAY HE TRASHED MY SHOP--

AW, NO WAY.

LOOKS LIKE YOU GET YOUR WISH, KNOCKOUT. ONE SUPER-VILLAIN TO BE BUSTED.

BUSTED HARD!

FOOM!

THE HELL? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GUARDING THE GLOBE, NOT *BALTIMORE.*

LAST TIME I CHECKED, BALTIMORE WAS ON THE MAP, DUMB ASS.

K-KRONK!

STAY RIGHT THERE, CHIEF.

EVERYONE OKAY?

OH, YEAH. I'M GOOD.

THAT WAS *AWESOME!*

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? *CHECKY-CASH?*

YOU KNOCKED OVER A PAYDAY LOAN STORE?

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO YOU? MAN, YOU USED TO BE A WORLD-CLASS BAD GUY.

YOU THINK I'M *PROUD* OF THIS?

YOU THINK I *LIKE* ROBBING CAB DRIVERS AND TACO TRUCKS? I DO THIS BECAUSE IT'S ALL I GOT.

TRY GETTING A STRAIGHT JOB WITH MY RECORD-- HELL, WITH MY *HANDS*.

YEAH, IN A WORLD WITH CORNER BARBERSHOPS FULL OF GOOD GUYS.

RIGHT. YOU SAYING YOU'D WORK A STRAIGHT JOB IF ONE CAME ALONG?

SURE, I GUESS.

I NEVER REALLY COULD GET INTO THE WHOLE *EVIL* THING, TO TELL THE TRUTH.

HOW ABOUT YOU START HERE TOMORROW? FIRST JOB IS FIXING UP THE DAMAGE YOU DID.

FOR REAL?

SAMSON, PLEASE.

HUSH. NOT LIKE YOU CAME SQUEAKY CLEAN, KIM.

YOU GOOD WITH THIS, ARVELL?

LONG AS I GOT YOU ON *SPEED DIAL*, MAN.

KID THOR, COULD YOU AND KNOCKOUT ROUND UP THAT CASH AND RUN IT OVER TO THE CHECKY-CASH ACROSS THE STREET?

TELL THE COPS WE GOT THE PERP IN GUARDIANS' CUSTODY.

SAMSON, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

FIGHTING CRIME.

WHAT IS IT, CHUPACABRA? WHAT DO YOU SEE?

CUMBRES DE MAJALCA NATIONAL PARK, CHIHUAHUA, MÉXICO.

NOT NOW, CECIL!

YOU ANIMAL!

WHIFF!

LOOK WHO'S TALKING. I WON'T BE AS EASY TO CATCH AS THOSE LITTLE ONES.

WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT CATCHING YOU?

SKRIPP!

GAHH!

EL CHUPAC--

BZZZTT!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, EH? HOW DO YOU LIKE PREY THAT DOESN'T RUN--

SKRAKK!

--BUT FIGHTS!

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OUT OF YOU, MONSTER!

MONSTER? MISTER, YOU NEED TO CHECK THE ROSTER. YOU'RE THE ONLY MONSTER HERE.

AWOOOOO!

ON SECOND THOUGHT...

PARIS, FRANCE.

VIVE LA FRANCE! VIVE LE BRUSIER!

VIVE LA FRANCE! VIVE LE BRUSIER!

SPEAK UP, CECIL. I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

THAT'S A GOOD SIGN, I SUPPOSE. THE POPULACE HAS GONE FROM BLAMING YOU FOR THE CITY'S DESTRUCTION TO CHEERING YOU FOR REBUILDING IT.

YEAH, WE'RE FAILING UPWARDS.

INVINCIBLE'S WITH THE EIFFEL TOWER CREW, AND WE'RE ALMOST DONE PUTTING JOAN OF ARC BACK ON HER PEDESTAL HERE. WE SHOULD BE BACK IN THE STATES SOON.

EXCELLENT. I'M SHORT-HANDED HERE. I SCRAMBLED A TEAM TO MEXICO AFTER LOSING CONTACT WITH EL CHUPACABRA.

PROBABLY STUMBLED ACROSS A TEQUILA DISTILLERY.

REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT HIM, HE IS A GUARDIAN OF THE GLOBE, AND MISSING IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

BRIT!

WHAT IS IT, JESS? I'M SUPER BUSY.

LOOK!

JUST LOOK AT YOUR SON.

AH, HELL. THE DOCTOR SAID HE WOULD THRIVE WITH ALL THIS VISUAL STIMULATION. THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT YOU ALONG.

POOR LITTLE GUY'S OVERWHELMED. ALL THIS CHEERING CAN'T BE HELPING.

OKAY, WE'LL GET YOU GUYS OUT TO THE JET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT RIGHT--

SIR, YOUR DOG SEEMS TO BE GETTING CARRIED AWAY.

VIVE LA FRANCE! VIVE LE BRUSIER!

LE BRUSIER, *STOP!*

FWAMMG!

DOGGY!

CUMBRES DE MAJALCA NATIONAL PARK, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO.

I'M THINKING MAYBE THAT'S OUR GUY.

I-- APOLOGIZE FOR MY REACTION. I HAD HEARD THAT YOU STRUGGLED WITH SOBRIETY.

AND WHEN I SAW YOU CROUCHING OVER THOSE KILLS--

FORGET ABOUT THAT. NOTICE THIS GUY ISN'T EXACTLY RUNNING AWAY FROM US?

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. HE'S ONE OF MY PEOPLE.

SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG WITH HIM, A KIND OF SICKNESS.

REGARDLESS, I'M HIS LEADER.

I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING HIM TO JUSTICE.

AT LAST! I KNEW MY ENDEAVORS HERE WOULD FINALLY BRING OUT THE BIG GUNS.

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

YOU AREN'T THE FIRST OF MY TRIBE TO GO FERAL, NOR THE FIRST I'VE HAD TO PUT DOWN.

THIS-- THIS ISN'T RIGHT.

TEAR YOU APART!

I'LL TEAR YOU APART FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

OH, MY. I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT.

COME SHOW ME.

YOU CERTAINLY SEEM STRONG ENOUGH TO DO IT. DEFINITELY STRONGER THAN THIS BODY--

LET'S TAKE YOU OUT FOR A TEST DRIVE.

SHLOOP!

SHLUKK-KK! SLORP!

HKK-UKK!

UGH!

RRRAAAGGH!!

NOW THIS--

THIS IS A PROPER BODY FOR CONQUERING A PLANET!

WELL, CRAP.

ATLANTIS.

SOMETHING IS AMISS, LORD AQUARUS.

DISASTER HAS BEFALLEN OUR CITY WHILE WE EXPLORED THE HIDDEN DEPTHS.

I CAN SEE THAT. THE CORAL TEMPLE LIES IN RUINS, MY PEOPLE IN HIDING OR DEAD. WHO COULD HAVE--?

LOOK, SIRE! SURFACE MEN.

OF COURSE. CHARGE THE ***BIOELECTRIC GUNS,*** TYPHLON.

WHOEVER WREAKED SUCH HAVOC ON OUR HOME WILL BE REPAID ***IN KIND.***

THERE! EMERGING FROM THE HOLY SEPULCHER OF ***PHYSALIS.*** THE TREASURES WITHIN MUST HAVE BEEN HIS GOAL.

WHAT MANNER OF BEING IS THAT?

A ***DEAD*** ONE.

TYPHLON, ***NO!***

WHAZOOKA!

YOU FOOL, HE'S WEARING THE CREST OF PHYSALIS!

ANY ENERGY DIRECTED AT HIM IS SIMPLY ABSORBED--

--AND REFLECTED!

K-KRAZZADAKK!

PHOOM!

CUMBRES DE MAJALCA NATIONAL PARK, CHIHUAHUA, MÉXICO.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, LITTLE HERO? SHOW ME WHAT SORT OF POWERS YOU HAVE.

PERHAPS I'LL UPGRADE TO YOUR BODY AFTER ALL.

NO, THANK YOU.

WHOOF!

FTOOM!

WHOA!

I THOUGHT CECIL WAS OVERREACTING, SENDING US DOWN HERE WHEN YOU WOULDN'T ANSWER YOUR PHONE--

BUT I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE PARTY WOULD SOMEHOW FIND YOU.

ST- STAY AWAY FROM THAT THING!

WHAT, WOLF-MAN? HE'S A *GOOD GUY*. HOW DID YOU PISS HIM--

SHRAKK!

GRAAH!

FANTASTIC! MORE OF YOU. NOW, WHICH OF YOU LOOKS LIKE A GOOD FIT?

OUTRUN, KEEP DOGBREATH OCCUPIED WHILE I TRY TO FIGURE ALL THIS OUT.

LOOK AT *YOU* GIVING ORDERS.

PLEASE?

UNCLENCH. I'M ON IT.

FWOOSH

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? HOW THAT THING GOT CONTROL OF YOU?

OH, GOD, DON'T-- *MAKE* ME. DON'T MAKE ME REMEMBER THAT!

PLEASE, SIR. LIVES DEPEND ON IT.

A-- A *HIVE*-- IT WANTS TO TURN-- A *HIVE*.

WHAT? IT WANTS TO TURN *WHAT* INTO A HIVE?

US.

ALL OF US.

I-- I WAS IN NEW YORK-- IN MY *HUMAN* FORM.

THERE WAS SOME SORT OF ALIEN ATTACK-- SO HARD TO REMEMBER. SUPERHEROES AND DESTRUCTION EVERYWHERE.

IT WAS IN THE RUBBLE-- JUST A TINY LITTLE BLOB OF JELLY, LIKE A FISH EGG, ONLY WHEN I BENT DOWN TO LOOK--

IT JUMPED *INSIDE* OF ME.

GROSS.

THE GROSSEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME-- AND I'M A *FREAKING WEREWOLF.*

IT'S FROM SPACE OR ANOTHER DIMENSION OR SOMETHING. IT WANTS TO USE US AS HOSTS, *BREED* INSIDE OF US.

THAT'S WHY IT MADE ME DO THOSE-- THOSE *HORRIBLE* THINGS. IT EXPLOITED MY INSTINCTS, MY POWERS.

IT WANTED TO LURE YOU PEOPLE HERE SO IT COULD STEAL YOUR BODIES, UPGRADE TO YOUR *POWERS.*

AW, HE'S NOT SO TOUGH. HASN'T EVEN LAID A PAW ON ME.

PLAMM!

SEE, I THINK HE'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT.

OUTRUN, *NO!*

WHOA!

FWAKK!

SPIN-LUNK!

=UFF!=

SHWOOP!

SPLUNK!

GULP.

JAPANDROID!

JOKE'S ON YOU, SPACE-BUG. SHE'S NOT EVEN AN ORGANIC BEING.

THAT... MATTERS LITTLE...

TO *OUR* KIND.

WE'VE ADAPTED TO COUNTLESS SPECIES ON INNUMERABLE WORLDS.

DID YOU REALLY THINK THIS WOULD BE MY FIRST SYNTHETIC HOST?

IN FACT, I *PREFER* IT.

THAT IS *SO* NOT GOOD.

Welcome to the first GUARDING THE GLOBE mail bag! Sean here, and I couldn't be more excited about the incredible job Phil Hester, Todd Nauck and John Rauch are doing showcasing the Invincible Universe's premier team – even the Elephant showed up this issue! I've also got an accomplice on these pages, so step up to the mic and let these folks know who you are.

Hey, all. Phil here. I'm the one responsible for dragging Elephant back into the spotlight, so start engraving those Eisner Awards right now.

Hey GtG crew,

I've been looking forward to this book since I found out about it from Phil Hester at Albuquerque Comic Con. Somehow, I missed the announcement of this series, but as soon as he told me, I knew I wanted to check this out. I'm a fan of his from Firebreather and Irredeemable Ant-Man, among other books, and even own an original page from Ant-Man (issue 4, page 21). I've been a fan of INVINCIBLE since issue 1, and having a secondary book for all these other characters that I've grown to love over the last decade (or near decade) is awesome. I loved the GTG miniseries, even though it took a little longer than normal to come out. I'm really excited with the team that's creating, as well as the team that's appearing in the book, and can't wait to see what is going to happen in this universe. INVINCIBLE is my number one book every month, and I'm really hoping that this ends up my number 2.

Looking forward to the future,

Kyle

P.S. I hope to see more Firebreather soon, too.

You nailed it, Kyle. With so many amazing characters in the Invincible Universe (has a nice ring to it, right?), the potential for this series is limitless. While this first story focuses on the team as a whole, subsequent stories will feature characters pairing off or hitting the hero beat solo. If there are any heroes or villains you want to see, sound off!

I've never been happier to be called number two. You know, maybe we should just call this book INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE... and make UNIVERSE super tiny in the logo. We'll sell like hotcakes.

Hi Team/Robert,

I have just finished reading through issue 1 of GUARDING THE GLOBE for the second time. I am excited about the second issue and how the teaser showed it will be about Best Tiger and Kaboomerang. My favorite part of the first issue is how Best Tiger just brought Kaboomerang into that mission and just started the fight without giving a heads up. I was hoping there were more shots on how they crashed the place but I guess there will be a lot of that in the coming issues. Also, I am so intrigued with the "baby factory" and how it will play out in the future and if it has some sort of relation to Brit Jr! Who is the Master and what does he look like? Will someone end up getting the baseball mitt and get to pay off their mortgage?

Just a comment on Robert's message. Yes, Best Tiger being featured more often is a good take! Glad you decided to do so. GUARDING THE GLOBE just delivered what I expected it to be and more. I'm glad that it will be answering the questions I have with Invincible. Also, I cannot wait for INVINCIBLE #100. I have a feeling that it will be a big splash once it comes out!

This was not included in my initial pull list but I am really glad I saw it in the comic stands. A really good buy and is now part of my pull list!

Waiting for the next issues!!!!!

THANKS!!!

Butit Lukban
Guarding the Globe in Manila, Philippines

Butit, those are some solid questions that will be getting solid answers in issues to come. Thanks for doing your part in guarding the globe!

Thanks, Butit. The pace we set in these early issues is going to be par for the course, so buckle up. We're rolling out the opposite of decompressed storytelling. We want to give you all your money's worth. As for Best Tiger, we read you loud and clear. Look for a solo adventure around issue #9 or so. Yes, we're really that far ahead.

Robert, Phil, Todd,

GREAT first issue! Wasn't Kid Thor one of the Capes, way back? Pegasus didn't actually appear in the issue, or anywhere that I know of yet, but if Pegasus is the who I think looks like a Pegasus from the cover to GUARDING THE GLOBE #1—then, wow, what a character! Seriously, a lot to love here, but she may be my favorite.

Yes, Kid Thor, along with Knockout, was in Capes. Learn more about them in the CAPES: PUNCHING THE CLOCK TPB. As for Pegasus, yeah, Cory Walker sure designs some sweet-ass characters; she first showed up in the recently collected GUARDING THE GLOBE: UNDER SIEGE TPB. (I'm fresh off NYCC and can't stop selling!)

Why, we've got new characters, international flavor, old characters--and dare I say it, a kick-ass creative team. Like Kirkman, I've read just about everything these guys have done! Yet strangely, I've never heard of Badrock and Company. Off the page, what was wrong with the name Bedrock anyway? Worked for the Flintstones! I think I finally 'get' Brit now, too. I didn't always, not in his own series. Here, though, fine.

Invincible, downplayed? I guess that fits. And man, that North Korea--as if they weren't bad enough already, eh? The book had a human side, too; what with Donald's problems and Brit's kid. Probably the only character from the wraparound cover I didn't see in the issue was Yeti. I like this Yeti for sure, but there have been a number of Yeti characters elsewhere. Well documented. And finally, I'd like to see the talking dog--he can talk, right?--get more and better lines than "kaff kaff."

A dog that talks?! Let's not get TOO crazy.

The smoking is fine, though; he's fictional. Also finally, thumbs up for Phil Hester, Todd Nauck, John Rauch and Robert Kirkman for another winner--in fact perhaps better than anything Skybound has put out before.

Andrew J. Shaw

Thumbs up to Andrew J. Shaw for another letter winner—in fact perhaps better than anything he's written before! Phil, this is your first encounter with Mr. Shaw (a man of letters, as they used to be known). So far so good?

I'm a great admirer of the classic old-timey letter hacks. Raise your hand if you remember TM Maple! Lon Wolf? Hmm. Just me? [old]

Love the new book.

If every issue has that much Best Tiger in it, then I sense a long run.

There is one thing; please bring Wolfman into this series. No, I don't mean give him a call every time shi*t hits the fan, only to find he's busy.

Seriously, it's like Batman crossed with a werewolf. It's stupid how awesome it is.

Cheers,
Fox

The Astounding Wolfman is here to stay. How's that for fan service?

Fox has the ESP!

To the Guarding The Globe staff,

If there's two creative talents I can't see enough of in comics it's Phil Hester and Todd Nauck!

I've been a fan of Hester's since The Holy Terror, The Foot Soldiers, and Clerks in terms of art. Since taking on writing I've become an even bigger fan, adoring such comics as Firebreather, The Anchor, The Darkness, Oversight, and one of my favorite comics ever - Golly!

Have you ever read The Coffin? Not to be missed!

I've been addicted to Nauck's work since Young Justice and the Wildguard books. (Where I'm happy to say my vote for Freezer Burn won, BTW!)

What about New Men? He once drew a splash page of a cheeseburger in that book!

What I'm getting at in my butt-kissy way is that you managed to combine peanut butter and chocolate for me. Other comic book companies should be jealous of not coming up with this combo before.
After reading issue one I can honestly say GTG is my favorite superhero book on the stands right now and I look forward to getting it from my hold box for many months to come. Thank you.

John W.

Thanks, John! High praise, indeed. I don't know how great I am, but us landing Todd was a real coup. Like drafting Tom Brady in the 6th round. Robert has a serious eye for talent, huh? I hope we can keep you hooked month in and month out.

I'm glad so many of you came out and supported our first issue. Keep writing in and spreading the word. Be here next month as the Guardians are forced to fight one of their own!

-Sean

Thanks for writing, everybody. As long as you all keep loving us unconditionally everything is going to be hunky dory. Don't let me down.

-Phil

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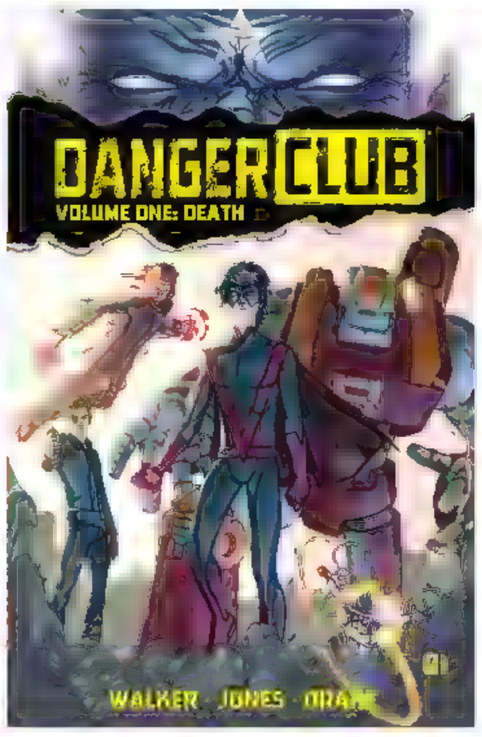

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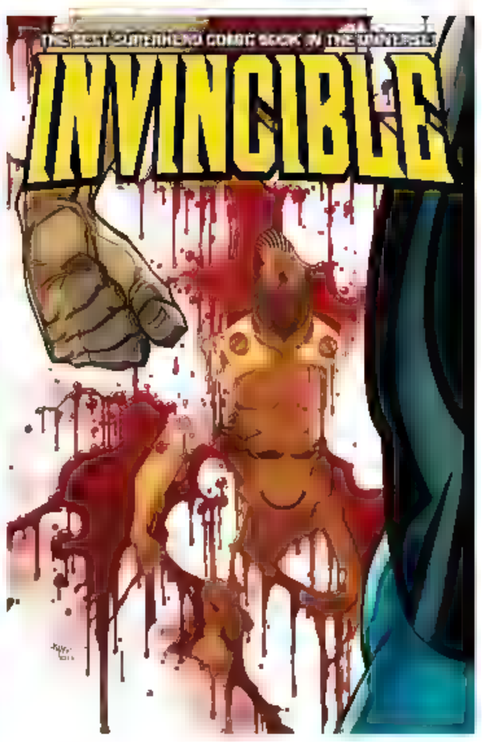

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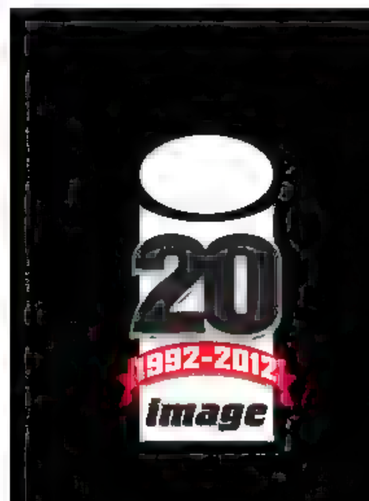

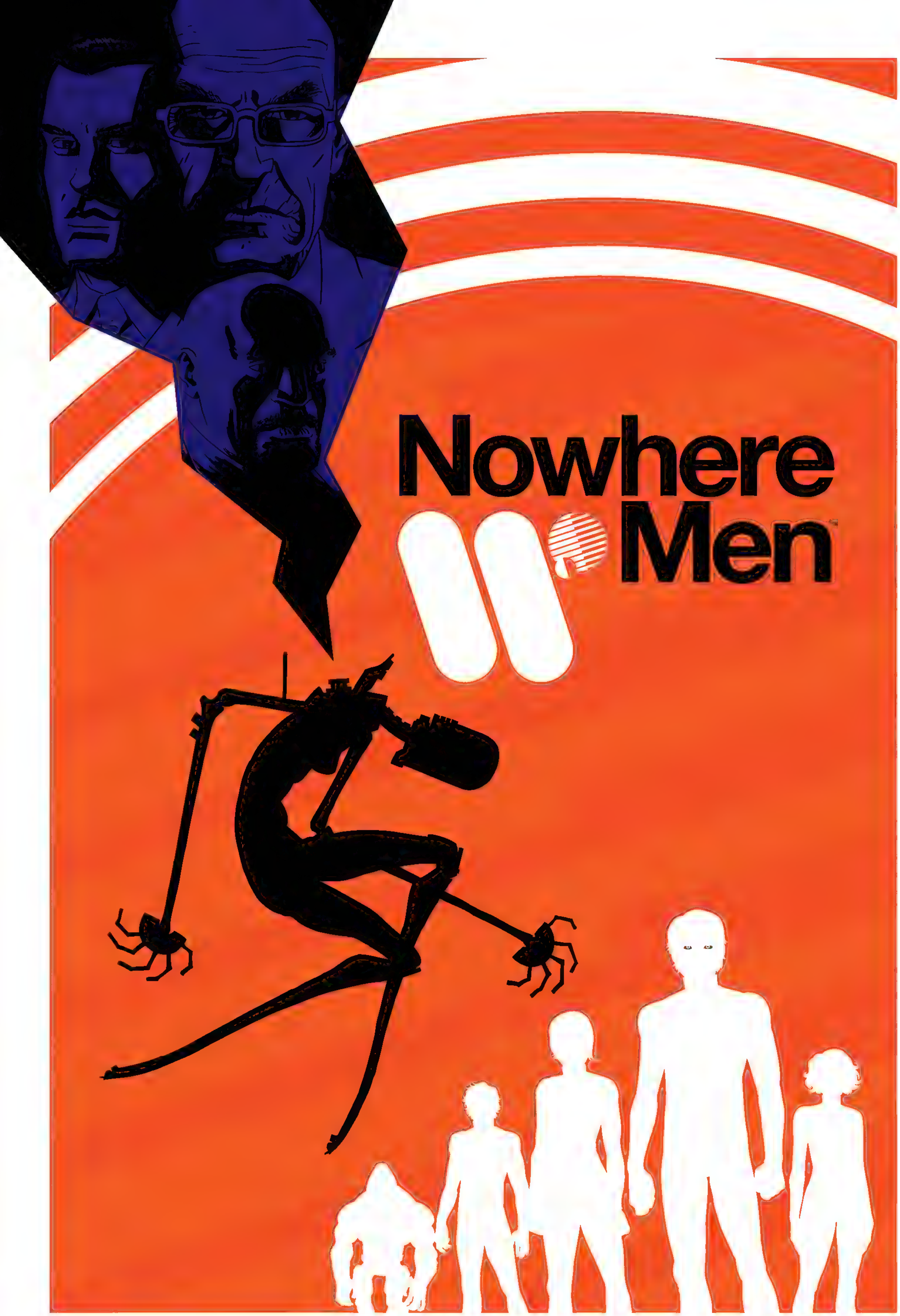

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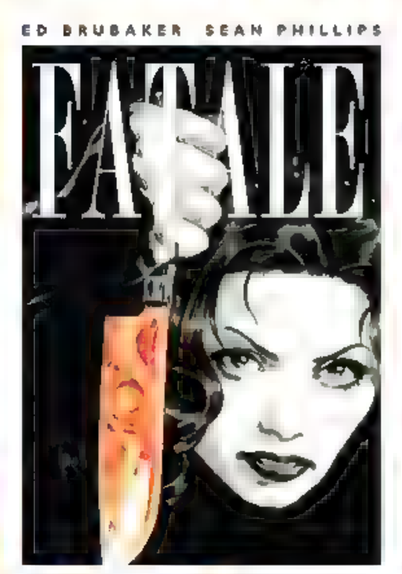

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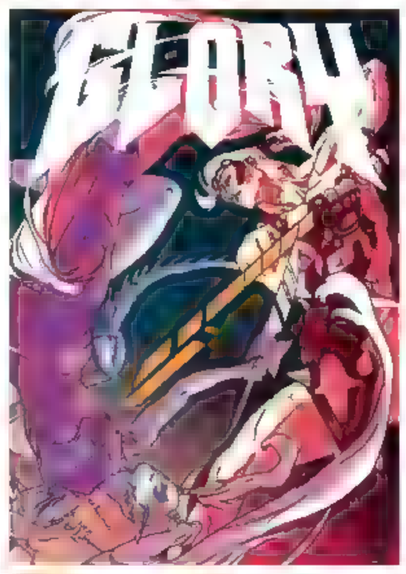

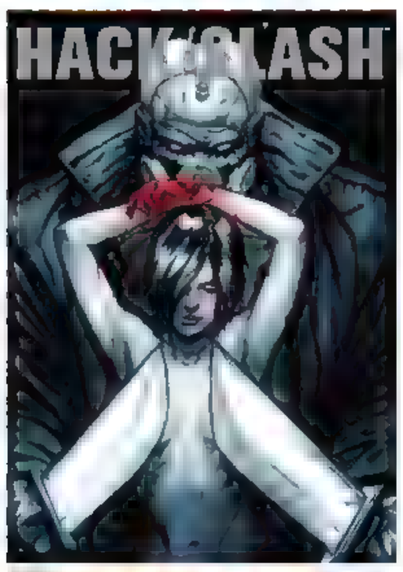

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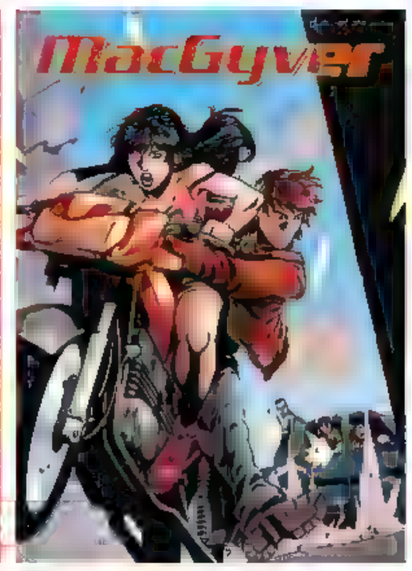

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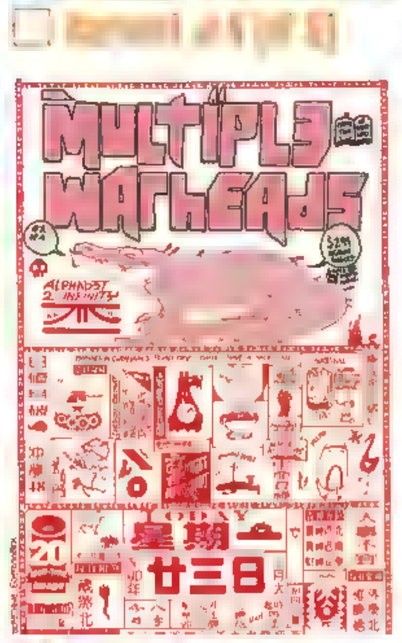

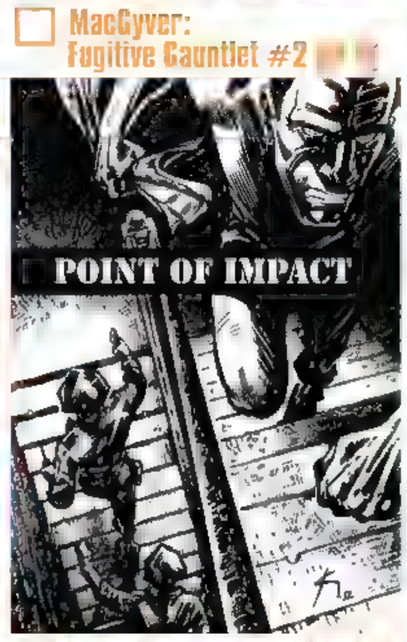

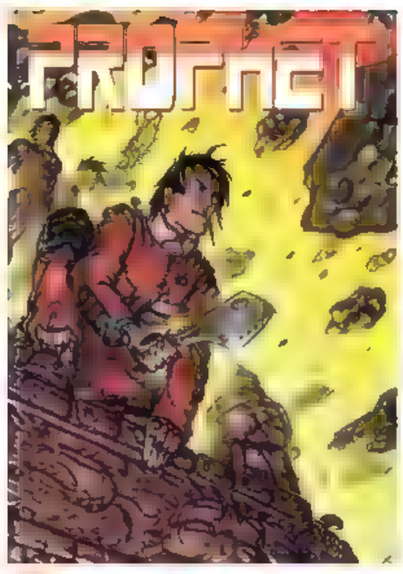

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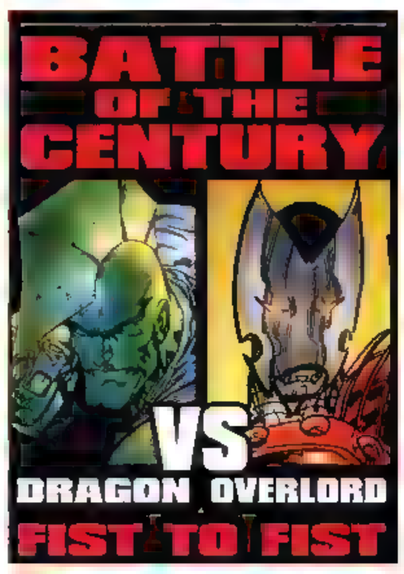

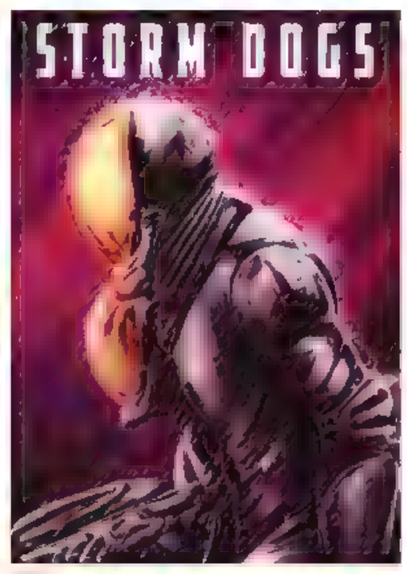

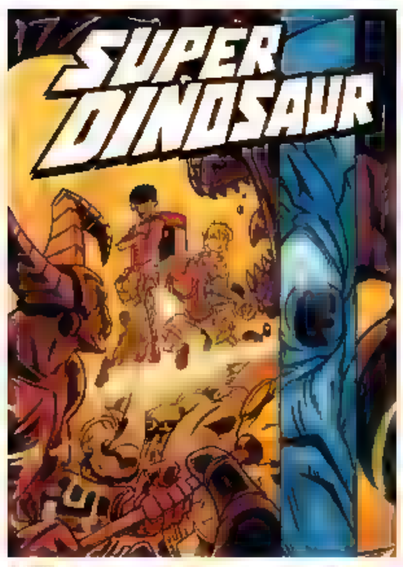

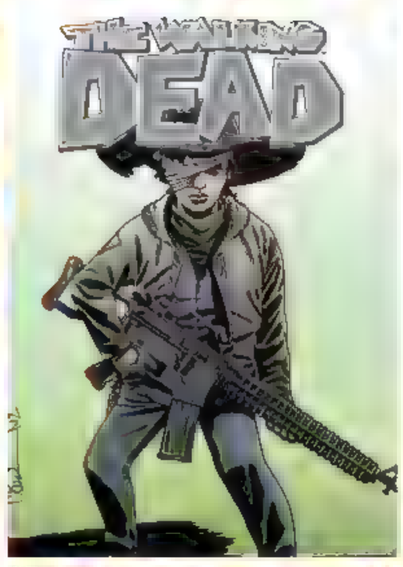

Question of the Month

"If you were stranded on an island that had formed in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, what three items would you want with you? And one of them has to be a comic."

"Stranded on an island in the middle of a garbage patch, I'd probably need to have my laptop and a can of shark repellent. With that much pollution, I'm not convinced that sharks won't sprout legs and come ashore. If I could only have one comic, it would, hands down, be Gipi's *They Found The Car*. It's the perfect comic in every way."

"Tim Seeley's and Mike Norton's *Revival* – because it's freaking awesome, duh! iPad with 4GLTE (to DL more comics and upload my own of course) Endless supply of Frosted Flakes - a man has got to eat + Tony keeps me company late at night."
Jean-Paul Bonjour

"All my issues of *Saga*, *Manhattan Projects* and *Debris* – and I would not need bags to keep them pristine, since well..."
Jim Daniel

"Water, a Swiss Army knife, and a comic book called *How To Make a Boat out of Garbage*."

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THE THIRD DEGREE
JOE HARRIS

Joe Harris is the acclaimed writer of numerous comics, graphic novels and movies mixing horror with tales of super-heroes and the supernatural. Joe launched the *Spider-Man* spinoff series, *Slingers*, and wrote myriad other titles including *Bishop: The Last X-Man*. He recently begun writing the monthly *Fury of Firestorm* series for DC Comics. His supernatural title, *Ghost Project*, was published by Oni Press He also conceived and co-wrote the screenplay for the hit Sony Pictures film, *Darkness Falls* and the politically-themed slasher movie and Fox release, *The Tripper*.

Right now, I'm finishing up a run on *Firestorm* for DC Comics and getting ready to launch *Great Pacific* at Image. I'm also putting the finishing touches on a new graphic novel coming from Oni Press in 2013.

The steady rain of riches and glory. And not having to wear clothes to work in the morning as my home office is a 'no jacket required' zone, among other articles.

Knowing that the previous answer is a lie. The riches and glory, I mean. The 'clothing optional' nature of the home office is verifiable truth.

Wow, there were a few different childhood events that stand out, but I think my first exposure to comics happened when my mom would take me to Stride Rite shoes to buy Zips sneakers a couple times a year and the store would give away free Archie Comics to the kids. I was maybe four years old. A few years later, I recall being chased out of a flea market vendor's shop because I'd discovered the "X-rated" comics but not the "no minors allowed" sign. Sometime after that, it was on to superheroes and *G.I. Joe*.

Making more movies, I'd hope. But probably out carousing and getting into trouble I can't afford.

"I bought two copies!" is always nice to hear. I'm also absolutely tickled when someone brings up my first go-round in this industry. I hardly remember writing stuff like *Slingers*, to be honest. But it's cool when someone makes a point to tell me they read and liked stuff of mine when we were both much younger.

Overall, I'd say it's a mix of Richard Matheson and Rod Serling. Along with Bob Dylan, whose early ballads are a staggering achievement in storytelling, and John Carpenter. Eclectic list, I know. So far as comics specifically, Alan Moore and Frank Miller made me want to do this. Neil Gaiman. And J.M. DeMatteis, whose books just mesmerized me as a kid.

It's got to be GREAT PACIFIC. I've never written anything like this before.

I am a huge Phish fan, dating back to my teenage years. My iTunes library has about three hundred live shows in it.

I just picked up the last couple issues of SAGA.

Mick Jagger circa 1969-1975. Or all of Motley Crüe in the 1980s.

My 1978 Martin D-28 guitar, my iPad, and the New York Yankees.

If I told you we could both end up in jail. But it definitely does not involve human trafficking.

Cheech and Chong movies, along with the tragically comedic stylings of the Bush Administration.

Peter Luger Steakhouse in Brooklyn. I almost said Yankee Stadium. But the new house, while staggeringly cathedral-esque and cool, can't replace my memories of kicking around the old place that was recently torn down.

I've been combing through the newly remastered Pink Floyd "Immersion" boxed set. Also, the Rolling Stones have been releasing a series of live shows as part of their "Bootleg" series that are great, especially "L.A. Friday, 1975". Looking forward to the new Thom Yorke album with Flea. I'm a huge Radiohead fan and the solo "Atoms For Peace" tour was awesome.

I can't just name one. Off the top of my head, Kurosawa's *The Seven Samurai*," Cornel Wilde's *The Naked Prey*, the first *Omen* film and *Apocalypse Now*. I could easily have said *The Empire Strikes Back* and/or *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. And I have a deep, meaningful love for *Rocky II*. This list will change an hour from now though.

A few different people share those duties. My childhood friend, Ryan and I used to play in bands together and still commiserate over matters both artistic and the more mundane life-type stuff. I'm also close to artist Adam Polina, who comics fans might remember. He ushered me into this industry and we've been friends and collaborators for a long, long time now. And my brother, Eddie, whom I can always seem to count on in the ways that matter most.

When I was sixteen and took my road test, I was so worried I failed. But when it was done and I pulled over, the evaluator guy signed my paperwork, handed it to me and said, "This is your driver license, Joe. Don't take shit from anybody."

Watching the GOP debates and primary battle. I'm still curled in a ball over it.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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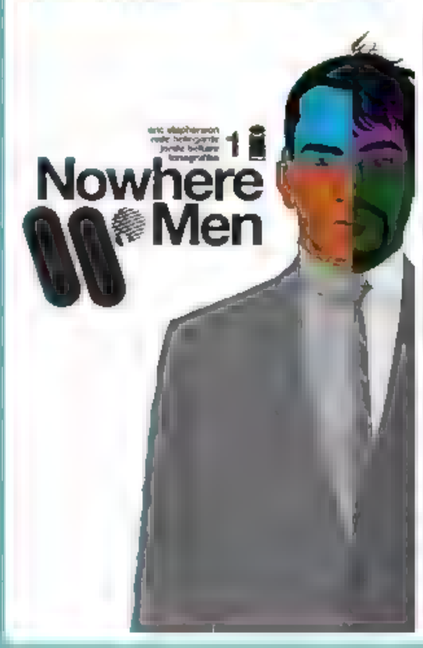

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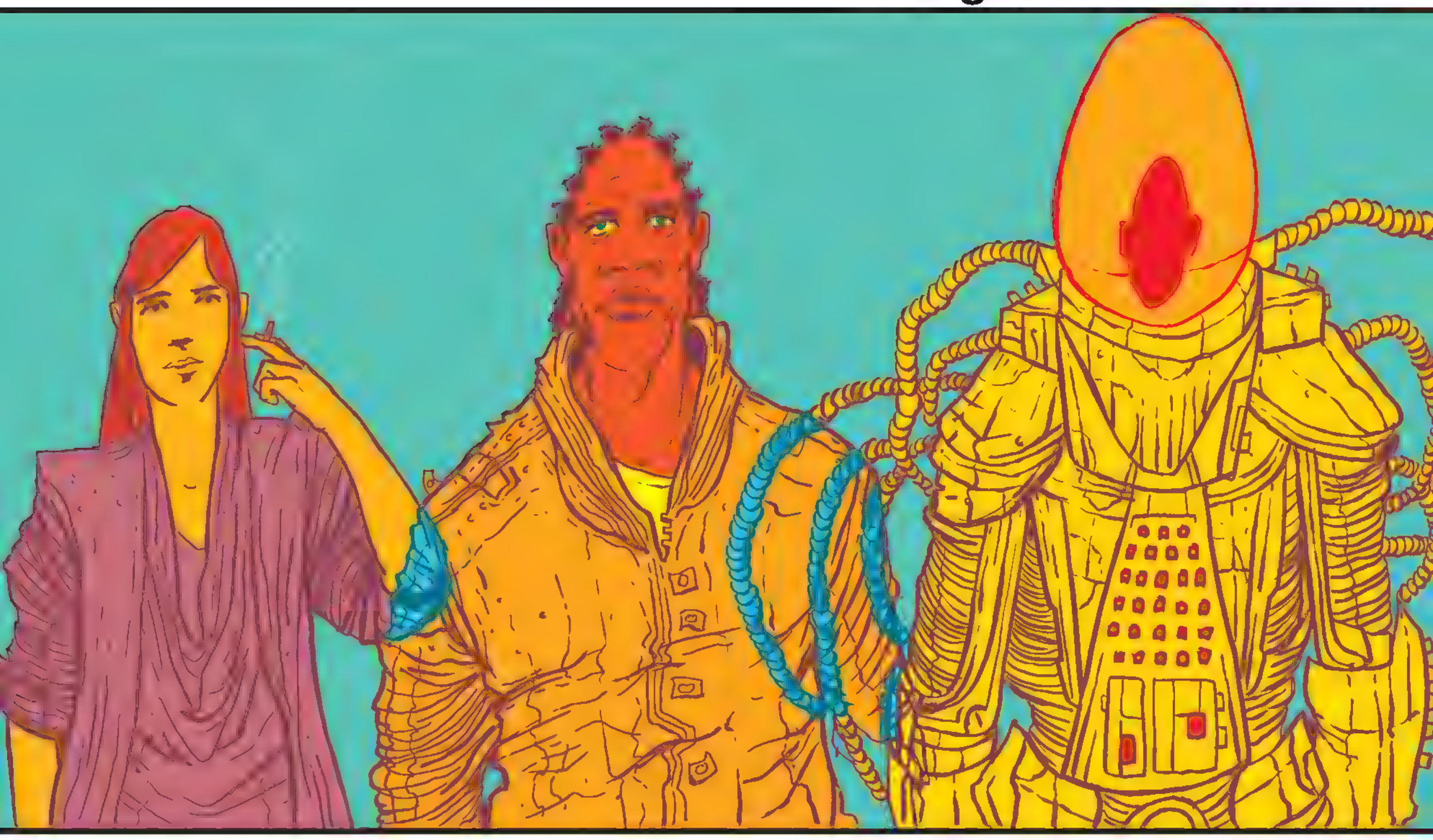

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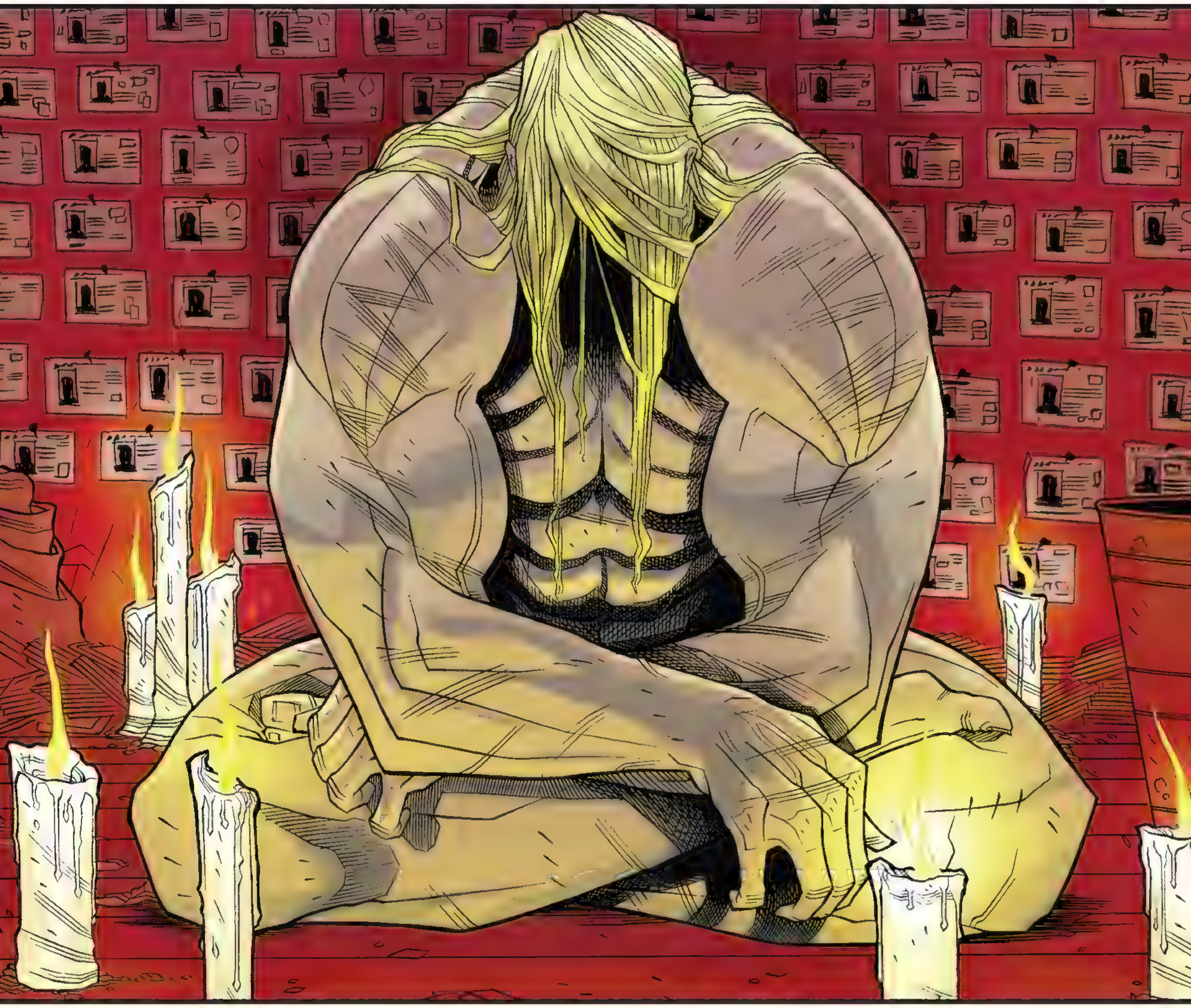

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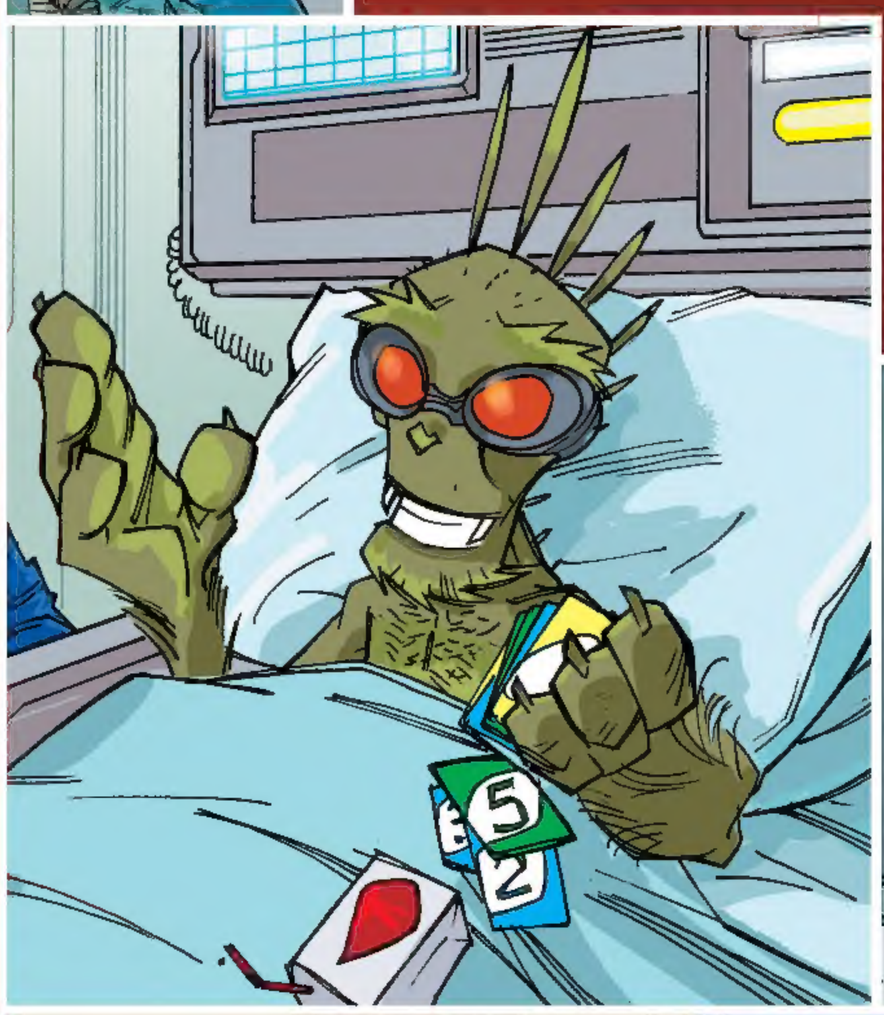

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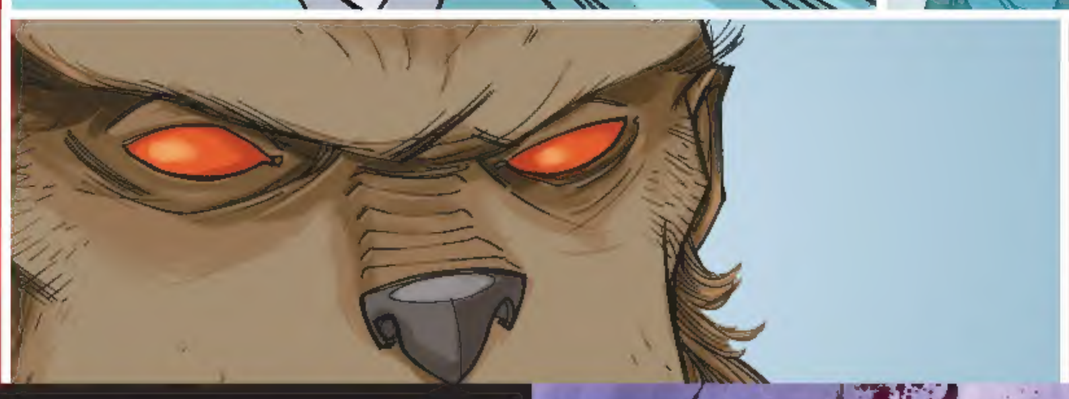

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